

HONORING MARK G. SKLARZ 2014
RECIPIENT OF THE TORCH OF
LIBERTY AWARD

HON. ROSA L. DeLAURO

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 29, 2014

Ms. DELAURO. Mr. Speaker, today, friends, family and colleagues will gather to pay tribute to one of our community's most outstanding citizens. I am proud to stand today and join the Connecticut Anti-Defamation League as they honor Mark G. Sklarz with the 2014 Greater New Haven Torch of Liberty Award.

Our communities would not be the same without the efforts of individuals whose work benefits our families and neighborhoods. Each year, the Connecticut Anti-Defamation League presents the prestigious Torch of Liberty Award to an outstanding leader in the community, recognizing their unique commitment and dedication. Mark is a remarkable reflection of the spirit of community service. With extraordinary compassion and generosity, he has touched the lives of many throughout the Greater New Haven community.

A partner in the Corporate and Business Law Department of Day Pitney, LLP, Mark is an active member of the New Haven County and Connecticut Bar Associations, serving as vice chair of the Business Law Section of the CBA as well as a member of the organization's Executive Committees of the Business Law and Tax Sections. He was a longtime member of the Connecticut Bar Examining Committee, a twenty-four member committee charged with the responsibility of determining whether candidates are qualified to be admitted to the Connecticut bar. Mark was also a member of the Business Taxation and Real Estate, Probate, and Trust Law Sections of the American Bar Association. He has enjoyed great success in his professional career, earning a distinguished reputation among his colleagues and the community alike.

Mark has made many invaluable contributions through his professional career, however, it has been through his personal service to our community that he has made a real difference and touched the lives of many. Chairman and Past President of the Board of the Jewish Federation of Greater New Haven, President of First City Fund Corporation, past president of Congregation Mishkan Israel and the Jewish Community Center of Greater New Haven, as well as a past member of the Board of Trustees of the Hopkins School in New Haven, he has left an indelible mark on our community. Mark's extraordinary generosity and compassion is reflected in the myriad of awards and honors he has received including the Hopkins School Medal for distinguished service and the Gold Ring award from the New Haven Boys Club Alumni Association.

It is my honor and privilege to stand today to join his wife, Judy, their children, Jeff and his wife Karen and Rick and his wife Cambra, as well as the Connecticut Anti-Defamation League and the New Haven community in paying tribute to Mark G. Sklarz for his invaluable contributions. Every community should be so fortunate as to have such a selfless, dedicated individual who so willingly commits his time and energy to enriching the community and improving the quality of life for all.

HONORING MS. DOLORES M.
BOJAZI

HON. ROBERT A. BRADY

OF PENNSYLVANIA

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Mr. BRADY of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor the accomplishments of Ms. Dolores M. Bojazi. A graduate of Temple Law School, Ms. Bojazi began her career working to aid battered women and union workers, and she continues to advocate for important causes in her career as an attorney.

Ms. Bojazi is an accomplished attorney who began her career as an advocacy coordinator at Women Against Abuse. While there, she trained the Philadelphia Police Force in legal response procedure and proposed an appeal procedure for emergency protection orders, which was adopted into law in 1988. She continued her advocacy work as a union organizer for the United Auto Workers, where she represented the union at the National Labor Relations Board. Ms. Bojazi then began working as a Public Defender in the Philadelphia Defender Association, and later worked in the Burlington and Camden Public Defenders Office. She has also worked at Freedman and Lorry and Mattleman, Weinroth, and Miller. Ms. Bojazi currently practices law in her own office where she focuses on criminal and family law. Ms. Bojazi will be honored by the Marian Anderson Historical Society on May 31, 2014.

I ask that you and my other distinguished colleagues join me in honoring Ms. Bojazi for her countless years of dedication to improving the lives of those in Pennsylvania's First District. She has and continues to work tirelessly in her advocacy to help others in Philadelphia.

ANTHONY EDWARDS TRIBUTE

HON. SCOTT R. TIPTON

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. TIPTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of Mr. Anthony Edwards. Mr. Edwards, the sole proprietor at San Juan Law Office, LLC, in Silverton will be appointed County Court Judge for San Juan County Sixth Judicial District on July 1, 2014.

An Oklahoma native, Mr. Edwards moved to Silverton, Colorado, in 1999. Mr. Edwards holds a Masters of Water Resources from University of New Mexico, and a Business and Technology degree from Capella University. Prior to attending Law School at the University of New Mexico, where he graduated in 2010, Mr. Edwards promoted economic development in San Juan County. He is the co-founder of Crowdfunding Offerings, Ltd., an online platform to facilitate small investments in startup enterprises in Colorado.

Mr. Edwards has also served his community with his business expertise, serving on a number of development and consulting committees to assist the business community in business planning, civil matter, securing financing, and in real estate matters. As the Owner's Representative for San Juan School District, he led the project to renovate two of Silverton's School buildings, which received the Leader-

ship in Energy and Efficiency Design Gold certification, the only K-12 public school to attain this status. Mr. Edwards' dedication to improving and expanding his community has greatly contributed to the State of Colorado, and his service will continue to be an asset as he fills his role as Judge for San Juan County's Sixth Judicial District.

Mr. Speaker, it is an honor to recognize Mr. Anthony Edwards for his work and congratulate him on his judicial appointment.

**RECOGNIZING NORMAN RICE ON
THE OCCASION OF HIS RETIREMENT**

HON. ADAM SMITH

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. SMITH of Washington. Mr. Speaker, it is with profound gratitude that I rise to congratulate Norman B. Rice on his retirement after a distinguished tenure as President of The Seattle Foundation. Norm has contributed immeasurably to the Seattle community through a variety of roles over the last forty years.

First elected to the Seattle City Council in 1978, Norm went on to serve on the Council for eleven years. Throughout his tenure, he was a champion for the marginalized, including fighting for the passage of the Women and Minority Business Enterprise Ordinance.

After winning the 1989 mayoral election, Norm became the first African-American mayor in Seattle's history. His two terms were characterized by his drive to create a thriving Seattle that worked for all of its citizens. Norm's initiatives as mayor included rejuvenating downtown, enhancing Seattle's public school system, and developing public-private partnerships to serve Seattle's homeless population. His service as mayor has left a legacy that will endure well into the future.

Since the conclusion of his tenure as an elected official, Norm has continued to work tirelessly for the well-being of the Seattle area. Since June of 2009, he has held the position of CEO of the Seattle Foundation. As a leader of one of the largest community foundations in the nation, Norm has been praised for his commitment to community development and his ability to build consensus.

Norm has used these skills on the national stage as well, serving a two year appointment on the White House's Council for Community Solutions. Norm's service has benefited many individuals and families, both in Seattle and across the country. His vision for just communities and selfless commitment to public service has left a legacy for future generations to follow.

Mr. Speaker, it is with great admiration that I rise to recognize Norman B. Rice. We all owe him the utmost gratitude and respect, and I wish him well in all future endeavors.

HONORING MS. AUDREY R.
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